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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: OCI-ORR Adjustments to Provide Improved Support
for Current Economic Intelligence on the Sino-
Soviet Bloc

1. The following solution has been reached in meeting the DD/I's request that the major part of the staff providing substantive support for current economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc be placed under the direction of ORR, with responsibility for assuring maximum support to OCI in carrying out its mission of publication and briefing in the current intelligence field and its support of the IAC Watch Committee.
2. The arrangements outlined below will be effective on 31 May 1955 and will be re-evaluated after a period of six months prior to finalization.

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- a. As of the effective date of this arrangement, the Economic Current Support Staff, administered by and responsible to ORR, will be established. This staff will include the present ORR Current Intelligence Support Group, and will have detailed to it four professional personnel and a clerk of the Economic Division of the Soviet Staff, OCI, and two professional personnel of the Far East Division, OCI. Further, two current vacancies in the Economic Division of the Soviet Staff, of grades GS-12 and GS-13, will be made available to ORR with the understanding that ORR will attempt to fill these vacancies to obtain full strength and proper balance substantively within the staff administered by ORR.
- b. An Economic Advisory Group, under the administration of OCI, will be responsible for placing day-to-day requirements upon the Economic Current Support Staff

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and for providing guidance to that staff, either directly or through the Chief of the Support Staff.

c. Members of the Economic Advisory Group will be responsible to the Chief, designated by the AD/CI, of that Group, who in turn will be responsible to the Chief of the Soviet Staff and to the AD/CI. Members of the Economic Current Support Staff, including those on detail from OCI, will be directly responsible to the Chief, designated by the AD/RR, of that Staff, who in turn will be responsible to the Chief for Economic Research, ORR, and the AD/RR.

d. Notwithstanding these specific assignments of responsibility, it is intended that the two staffs concerned will work together closely in order to provide the most effective current economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc in fulfilling the requirements of the two Offices and of the Agency.

e. For the purpose of intelligence control screening, the two staffs will operate as one unit under the direction of the Chief of the Economic Advisory Group.

f. The two staffs will be physically located adjacent to each other to assure all possible freedom in discussion on mutual problems and in carrying out their respective duties.

g. The Chief of the Economic Advisory Group will have among his primary responsibilities: providing guidance on form and manner of presentation; coordinating and integrating economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc for inclusion in OCI publications, briefings and NIC support. The Chief of the Economic Current Support Staff will have as a primary responsibility the determination of the acceptability of the substantive content of

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